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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PEPR, PORG, TO, OAU  
SUBJECT: POSSIBLE NIGERIAN AMBASSADORIAL CHANGE

1. DURING MY FAREWELL CALL ON AMBASSADOR ADEUGA ADEKUOYE TODAY, HE INFORMED ME THAT HE HAS DECIDED TO ACCEPT COMMISSIONER GARBA'S OFFER TO NOMINATE HIM TO BUCHAREST ACD HAD FORMALLY WRITTEN THE COMMISSIONER TO THAT EFFECT. ADEKUOYE SAID PRESENT NIGERIAN AMBASSADOR TO BUCHAREST HAD BEEN SENT THERE "INTO EXILE"; BUT BUCHAREST HAD BECOME INCREASINGLY IMPORTANT POST FOR NIGERIA, SO GARBA HAD DECIDED TO SEND A PROFESSIONAL TO HEAD THE EMBASSY.

2. ADEKUOYE IS A YORUBA. HE IS HIGHLY INTELLIGENT AND DEEPLY EXPERIENCED IN OAU MATTERS, PARTICULARLY REGARDING CONTACTS WITH THE LIBREATION MOVEMENTS. AN ECONOMIST BY TRAINING, HE HEADED THE ECONOMIC DIVISION OF THE FOREIGN MINISTRY BEFORE BEING NAMED TO LOME. HE WAS ONE OF THE DRAFTERS OF THE COWAS TREATY AND ACKNOWLEDGES THAT TOGO'S EYADEMA AND NIGERIA'S GOWON WERE THE FATHERS OF ECOWAS, BUT THAT HE IS AT LEAST THE UNCLE.

3. ADEKUOYE LIKES AND GETS ALONG EASILY WITH AMERICANS.  
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HE CAN BE CAUSTIC WITH EUROPEANS WHOM HE CONSIDERS INTELLECTUALLY INFERIOR.

4. THOUGH NO ADMIRER OF FRANCE, HE HAS MADE A SUCCESSFUL, AUTO-DIDACTIC EFFORT TO LEARN FRENCH. HE IS RESPECTED AND ADMITED BY THE TOGOLESE AND HAS READY ACCESS TO PRESIDENT EYADEMA.

5. ADEKUOYE IS DIVORCED; HOWEVER, HE HAS CUSTODY OF ONE OF HIS FIVE CHILDREN AND HE IS VERY DEVOTED TO HER.

6. HE IS A STRONG TENNIS PLAYER BUT IS CURRENTLY UNDERGOING A RECURRENCE OF HEPATITIS AND IS RATHER WEAKENED.

7. THE AMBASSADOR IS SKEPTICAL OF KNEE JERK ANTI-COMMUNISM, BUT HE SAYS HE, LIKE THE NIGERIAN LEADERSHIP, HAS NO ILLUSIONS ABOUT SOVIET INTENTIONS IN AFRICA AND NIGERIA IS "WORRIED ABOUT THE EVOLUTION OF EVENTS IN BENIN AND IS WATCHING BENIN CLOSELY."  
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